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Jenny Gerbasi
Councillor
City of Winnipeg

Hi Jenny,

This is a small grant application for the community garden on Sherbrook St. that we received for the BIZ.

You mentioned to me that you might have some money for park benches etc. I like to request a donation toward this project with the BIZ paying the remainder

Yours truly

Fokke Hoekstra
West Broadway/South Sherbrook BIZ.

West Broadway South Sherbrook Biz Small Grants Programme Summer 2004

APPLICATION FOR FUNDS

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Project Name: Sherbrook Street Garden
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Premise: The Sherbrook Street Garden Can Contribute More to the Community

There is a general consensus that natural spaces are important and valued in urban settings. Much has been written about the benefits of community gardens. Neighbourliness and a sense of community increase with the presence of gardens. Residents and passers-by both report 'liking" the area more when a garden is present, and have a higher sense of security. Gardens are perceive as being safe places for young children to interact with the natural world in an urban environment. In addition, a well tended garden has a positive influence on surrounding property values and promotes better perceptions of the area.

Open space is used as an indicator of social stability and healthy communities. According to the City of Winnipeg the current minimum standard is 3.86 acres per 1,000 people. A Parks and Recreation Study in 2002, found that in West Broadway there is currently less than 0.5 acres of open space per 1,000 people. These statistics make the Sherbrook Street Garden valuable as a garden.

The West Broadway Horticultural Society arose, in part, to address the perception that the Garden was not living up to its potential. The Horticultural Society responded to this criticism by proposing that the Garden be managed in a way that is inclusive of community and seeks to educate gardeners to be better gardeners. We have been fortunate to receive financial support towards this goal from Westminister United Church, Assiniboine Credit Union and the City of Winnipeg. In addition we have received grants-in kind from Broadway Neighbourhood Center, University of Winnipeg, and Assiniboine Park. The Garden is currently hosting such diverse groups as Art City, 250th Winnipeg Brownie Troop, the Golden Lions, Kitchen Witches, West Broadway Horticultural Society, Resource Conservation Manitoba Green Team, Little Red Spirit Aboriginal Head Start, West Broadway Residents Association, Greening West Broadway Green Team and the Broadway Neighbourhood Center Green Team and numerous professional and talented amateur gardeners.

Proposal: That the West Broadway South Sherbrook Biz support this community effort to improve our environment by funding a garden bench and a sitting area in the Sherbrook Street Garden.

Budget

Item	source	Cost delivered
Tache Style Redwood Garden Bench	Public Works City of Winnipeg	$800.00
Hardwood Enviromulch	Samborski Garden Supplies	$97.00
Lawn Edging	Rona Home and Garden Center	$21.66
Installation Costs	John Freestone (Resident Independent Contractor)	$240.00
Donation Plaque	Insign Architectural Signage	$48.00
Cement and tubes	Rhona Home and Garden Center	$56.00
Colourful Annuals	Various local greenhouses	$150.00 + 150.00
		$1412.66 150.00 $ 1562.66

We propose to install this bench in the south east corner of the garden, approximately 2 meters from an existing chain link fence. A shadow map of this area made in July, has shown it to be in shadow at 3:30 in the afternoon, so it is well shaded and should provide a pleasant place to rest from the sun.